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Promoting economic development and natural resources top McManus' first Senate term

LANSING – Promoting economic development and Michigan's natural resources were among the highlights of Sen. Michelle McManus' first term in the Senate.

Topping the list of economic development accomplishments:

- Sponsoring legislation allowing the direct shipping of wine in Michigan to keep the state's wineries competitive;
- Paving the way for a group of investors to purchase the Hayes Lemmerz facility in Cadillac and keep it in operation, saving 400 jobs that otherwise would have been sent out of state; and
- Working hard to save jobs at the Michigan Youth Correctional Facility and crafting a compromise to allow the facility to be used for purposes other than housing state inmates.

Topping the list of natural resources accomplishments:

- Enacting legislation creating an apprentice hunting license program to allow a first-time hunter to experience the sport before completing a hunter's safety course;
- Banning the practice of Internet hunting to protect the integrity and challenge of outdoor hunting; and
- Providing tax incentives for preserving land in conservation easement to allow families to pass down land without burdening their heirs with huge tax bills.

McManus also joined her Senate colleagues in passing legislation to create and retain jobs in Michigan, increasing funding for education and enacting a balanced budget without raising taxes or impacting essential services.

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